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Administrator
US Environmental Protection Agency
P.O. Box 1473
Merrifield, VA 22116

Attn: Chemical Right-to-Know Program

Dear Administrator:

In a letter dated November 29, 1999, Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., (Air Products) volunteered to sponsor 2,5-dimethyl-2,5-hexanediol (CAS #110-03-2) and 2,5-dimethyl-3-hexyne-2,5-diol (CAS #142-30-3) in the U.S. High Production Volume (HPV) Challenge Program. For the last several years, Air Products has attempted to engage other producers and importers of these substances in product stewardship activities supporting the HPV program. Unfortunately, these attempts have been unsuccessful. At the same time increased imports from foreign competitors have adversely affected this business. As a result, Air Products must withdraw its commitment to sponsor these chemicals in the HPV program.

Air Products is committed to product stewardship and the HPV program; the company has sponsored over 30 chemicals in the U.S. and global programs. Unfortunately the circumstances of this particular sponsorship have necessitated our withdrawal.

If you have any questions concerning this sponsorship or our HPV efforts, you may contact me at 610-481-8532 or by email at bartism@airproducts.com.

Regards,

Dr. Charles M. Bartish
Director, Product Safety